

## **MTAC Workgroup 169: Refine Parcel Machinability Standards**

**Meeting date:** April 27, 2015 (#10)

**Meeting format:** web/phone

### **Attendees:**

Name	Company
Angelo Anagnostopoulos	GrayHair Software, Inc.
Debra Hutton	Hibu
John Medeiros	DHL eCommerce
Jon Baldewicz	Quad
Kevin Elkin	RRD
Lisa Wurman	Quad
Phil Thompson	Quad
Richard Porras (Lead)	Newgistics Inc
Roger Franco	Newgistics Inc
Audrey Meloni	USPS, Classification Specialist, Product Classification
Cathy Moon (Lead)	USPS, Manager, Operations Integration & Support
Christian Rivera (Lead)	USPS, Opns Industrial Engineer, Opns Integration & Support
Chuck Tricamo	USPS, Manager, Pricing & Classification Service Center (PCSC)
Don Close	USPS, Scanning Technology Specialist, Engineering Package Technology
George Coupar	USPS, Manager, Material Handling & Engineering
Jo Ann Wilson	USPS, Strategic Account Manager
Lane Stalsberg	USPS, Network Operations Specialist, Network & Logistics Dist Center
Patricia Harris	USPS, Product Development Specialist, New Products & Innovation Shipping Products Development
Ted Marshall	USPS, Product Information Specialist, Product Information

### **Agenda:**

Open discussion on direction of workgroup moving forward and concerns/opportunities  
Engineering study/analysis on package sizes

### **Notes:**

- Reviewed volumes of Parcel Select and Parcel Select Lightweight by entry type and noted the high volumes entered at DSCF
  - **Action: How is DDU non-machinable generated? How much DSCF is 5D vs. SCF sortation? [C Rivera]**
- USPS presented Engineering study to show the percentage of mail by machine that is captured based on DMM machinable standards; study was conducted at delivery unit by LSS black belts
- Reiterated that we would not be conducting a group tour of postal processing due to lack of interest
  - **Action: Anyone interested in setting up an individual postal tour should contact Christian Rivera**
- Recapped prior industry concerns
  - Concern of additional restrictions and the convergence of pricing as more workshare shifts to the industry
  - Concern from industry that new machines should be transparent to the industry; price points should not be determined by new machine specifications

- Suggested by industry to allow smaller, denser prep for DSCF entry; postal concerns with increasing machinable processing volumes at SCF due to machine capacities within the allotted operational window
- USPS shared that poly bags caused operational issues and they would like to conduct further testing and discussion; specific items include selvage and tackiness of poly
  - Suggestion to possibly establish certified poly vendors such is done with flats
  - Opportunities to reduce damage, improve service, and increase operational efficiencies
  - **Action: Invite mail owners to join discussion**

**Next meeting:** Monday, May 4, 2-3 PM EDT - Continue discussion around plastics/poly and possible testing